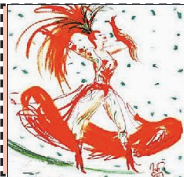


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Grand Children's Parade Oranjestad was worth the weight!



Sunday's heavy rains and grey skies offered many silver linings for islanders, as the sun shone forcefully on the postponed Carnival 57 Grand Children's Parade in Oranjestad on Monday afternoon. Aside from getting at least a half day off from the normal workday to enjoy the parade, islanders also were blessed with the bright skies needed to truly savor the brilliant colors and intricate artwork of the many floats that

wound their way through Oranjestad's main thoroughfares.

The sparkling sequins of youthful costumes were matched by the smiles of excited youngsters who had been looking forward to parading down the streets and

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World powers move towards further action on Libya

GENEVA, Switzerland (AFP) – World powers ramped up the pressure on Moamer Kadhafi's regime yesterday, as the United States urged the international community to work together on further steps to end bloodshed in Libya.

"The people of Libya have made themselves clear: it is

time for Kadhafi to go -- now, without further violence or delay," US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton told the UN Human Rights Council.

"We all need to work together on further steps to hold the Kadhafi government accountable, provide humanitarian assistance to those in need

and support the Libyan people as they pursue a transition to democracy."

"We will continue to explore all possible options for action -- as we have said, nothing is off the table so long as the Libyan government continues to threaten and kill Libyan citizens," she added.

During an intense round of one-on-one meetings on the sidelines of a session of the rights council, Clinton, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, EU chief diplomat Catherine Ashton as well as counterparts from Britain, Germany, Italy and other countries, discussed steps to deal with what the US envoy called post-Kadhafi Libya.

Talks focused on "how we can keep the pressure on the Kadhafi regime without harming the Libyan people," Clinton told journalists. "We explored a number of potential actions, many of which are more in the European theatre than actions that we ourselves could take."

German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle called for a 60-day freeze on all payments into Libya in order to deprive Kadhafi's regime of the means to oppress the Libyan people.

British Foreign Secretary William Hague welcomed the suggestion but insisted that there was a need to implement the measures such as sanctions agreed over the past few days first, claiming they could have a swift impact on violence.

"It is part of the intensifying pressure on the Kadhafi regime, it is time for him to go," he told journalists.

Hague underlined a "remarkable" and "unprecedented" degree of unanimity in the international community.

The UN Security Council voted unanimously on Saturday to impose sanctions and to refer Libya to the International Criminal Court over the regime's bid to crush an uprising.

A day earlier, the 47-member UN rights council set up an investigation into suspected crimes against humanity.

In Brussels, the European Union agreed yesterday to implement an assets freeze and travel ban on Kadhafi and 25 members of his family and inner circle, and ban any supply of arms, ammunition and related material in addition to

the UN measures.

According to the New York Times, the United States and European allies are planning to impose a no-fly zone over Libya to prevent the regime from an aerial bombardment of its population.

Clinton said it is "an option we are actively considering" while Australian Foreign Minister Kevin Rudd voiced his support for the plan.

But Lavrov, when asked whether a no-fly zone over Libya had been discussed with Clinton, said: "Absolutely not. It was not mentioned by anyone."

Ashton and Hague warned while such a step was being discussed it had to be drawn up with broad international support.

UN human rights chief Navi Pillay said that "the threat of violent reprisals against civilians still looms," in Libya, after hundreds were feared killed in the brutal attempts to crush the revolt against Kadhafi.

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Geena Davis with Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar

In the presence of government dignitaries, artists, business people, TV personalities, musicians, reporters and other invitees, the United Nations Organization launched its United Nations Women's chapter at the UN General Assembly Hall in New York.

Aruban Minister of Culture, Social Affairs and Economics, Michelle Winklaar-Hooyboer, was among the invited guests.

UN Women stands for "United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women." This entity combines 4 other entities of the UN and represents a greater effort in the history of the UN to guarantee equality of the sexes. Many supporters of women's rights around the world have expressed their satisfaction for what they call a historic achievement.

Former Chilean President, Michelle Bachelet, is the first executive director of UN Women. In her address Bachelet remarked that the launching of UN Women is a reflection of the frustration for the slow speed at which things change with respect to the equality between women and men.

In addition to the speeches there were video presentations of Nicole Kidman, and Shakira as well as a speech by Ted Turner of CNN. Actress Geena Davis and her royal highness of Spain, Princess Christine was among those who offered speeches.

Towards the end of the evening Michelle Winklaar-Hooyboer met with Michelle Bachelet and Geena Davis. The 54 year old Geena Davis is a world renowned television personality and film producer, former model and Olympic athlete. She is an Academy Award and Golden Globe winner for her participation in movies like, "Tootsie," "The Fly," "Beetlejuice," "The Academic Tourist," "Stuart Little" and "Accidents Happen," as

well as for her television series.

During Bachelet's encounter with the Aruban minister she accepted an invitation to visit Aruba during one of the women's events to be held in Aruba soon. The Chilean former president shared having heard much about Aruba but never visited. She gladly accepted the invitation to visit Aruba.

Aruba will set up a bureau, the Center for the Development of Women (CEDHM). This bureau will fall under the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Social and Culture and will be officially launched on the 8th of March, International Women's Day. In the ensuing weeks more information will be supplied regarding this new entity, what exactly this bureau will be doing for the benefit of women.

Consulate of the Dutch Kingdom in New York Pledges cooperation with Aruba

During her recent visit to New York, the Aruban Minister of Social Affairs, Culture and Economics, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar, visited the General Consulate of the Dutch Kingdom stationed in New York. The minister met with the interim Consulate General, Mrs. Marielle van der Linden, who is also head of the economic section. The minister also met with Arthur Kibbelaar who is in charge of the consulate. The office does not have a social department; hence she could not discuss anything in this vein.

The Dutch representatives in New York gave a presentation of the tasks that the General Consulate undertakes annually in New York and of the opportunities afforded the Dutch Kingdom. The Aruban minister in turn informed of the work that the Aruban

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government is undertaking on the economic and culture platform in Aruba.

The Aruban minister emphasized the need for Aruba to bank on the support of the Consulate General of the Dutch Kingdom in New York to promote Aruba during

their presentations to American companies interested in investing in the Dutch Kingdom.

Aruba's geographic location is ideal, with a superb infrastructure, well-educated people who can occupy key positions in these companies;

and Aruba has a very positive investment climate. And, most importantly, Aruba is an integral part of the Dutch Kingdom. This means that the same stability that American companies experience from the Netherlands is what can be expected of Aruba.

With respect to cultural projects, there are a myriad of projects in which Aruba could participate. Both the Aruban delegation and the team of the Consulate General left the meeting satisfied and with the commitment to cooperate much more with each other.

The interim Consulate General remarked that in order to cooperate with each other there must be regular contact between them. She was delighted that within a short span of time this was the second Aruban Minister to visit them with the objective of working together.

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Minister Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar visits "The Global Africa Project" "



Minister of Economic and Social Affairs and Culture Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar was invited to view their exposition "The Global Africa Project."

During the exposition, Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar was able to appreciate works of some 100 artists from Africa, Europe, Asia, America and the Caribbean. They are comprised of furniture, architecture, textile, clothing, jewels, ceramics, pictures, painting and sculpture.

The exhibition relates the challenges to the aesthetics and singular African identity, by using design that doesn't make a distinction between professionals and artisans.

"The Global Africa Project" exposition is open to the public until May 15, 2011 at the "Museum of Arts and Design" in New York.

The Museum of Arts and Design (MAD), based in Manhattan, is a center for the collection, preservation, study, and display of contemporary hand-made objects in a variety of media, including: clay, glass, metal, fiber, and wood. Recently, Aruba Min-

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The International School of Aruba High school students taking part in the North American Invitational Model United Nations (NAIMUN) event held in Washington, D.C. last week

Students of the International School of Aruba had the honor of attending and taking part in the North American Invitational Model United Nations (NAIMUN) event held in Washington, D.C.

Abav Sneek Smith, Bram van der Scheer, Roger Maduro, Sebastian van der Sloot and Jurgen van Schaijk, were accompanied by their Social Studies teacher, Mr. Mark Quirsfeld, to gain a more in-depth perspective on global issues, delegation

methods, giving them an experience that they will remember for years to come.

Students were assigned a specific country to research (Zambia) and were given highly important topics for discussion; they were to present their position papers and resolutions for approval. Discussion topics included subjects such as Juvenile Imprisonment, Human Trafficking, Child Soldiers, Conflict Resources, and Environment. They had the opportunity to

further develop their public-speaking, debate and presentation skills. The event not only expanded their viewpoint about their subject of study, but they made friends with students from other countries all over the world.

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ORANJESTAD -- The weekly Bon Bini festival takes place tonight at the Fort Zoutman in Wilhelminstraat. The festival is for tourists and locals to mix and mingle and enjoy a taste of Aruban culture.

This weeks the festival will feature the traditional Aruban Caha d'Orgel. "Ban Baile," musical group; "Tico y sus Estrellas," Dance group; "Youth in Action," solo singer; "Quincy Hasham," and steel band: "Traditional Steelband." MC is Juby Naar

During the festival there will be local food, sweets and handicraft on sale.

Arubus has regularly scheduled bus transport from all hotel areas to Oranjestad's central terminal, which is only a short walk from Fort Zoutman. Round trip bus fare is US\$2.30.

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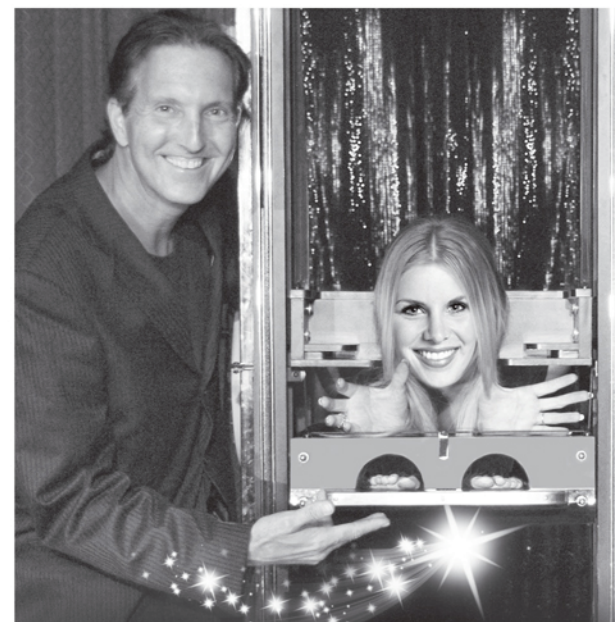
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Ancient Peruvian site forces experts to re-think past

LIMA (AFP) – Archeologists have discovered a group of ancient tombs in the mountainous jungle of southeastern Peru they say is as important as the discovery of the lost city of Machu Picchu.

The tombs belonging to the Wari culture were found on the jungle-covered eastern slope of the Andes in Cuzco department at a long-abandoned city thought to be the last redoubt of Inca resistance to Spanish colonial rule.

The Waris, a pre-Inca civilization, had an enormous cultural impact in the Andean region between 600 and 1200. The Inca empire (around 1400 to 1532) was the largest pre-Columbian empire in the Americas.

"It is an impressive Wari find in the Cuzco jungle that opens a new chapter on archaeological research and forces us to re-write history," said Juan Garcia, the cultural director for the Cuzco region, as he announced the discov-

Historic discovery in Peru jungle
 Archeologists unearth ancient tomb of high-ranking Wari personality filled with treasures
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Objects found:
 Silver mask
 Chest plate made of silver
 Two golden bracelets
 Silver-laminated walking sticks
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 ▶ Archeologists hope to uncover a long-abandoned Wari city in the area
Site of discovery:
 Archeological complex of Espiritu Pampa in the Cuzco district of Vilcabamba
 AFP

ery late Wednesday.

"The discovery is one of the most important ever, and is comparable to Machu Picchu... and the Lord of Sipan," said Garcia, referring to the 1987 discovery of the tomb of an ancient Moche lord.

Archaeologists found a y-

shaped silver chest plate, a silver mask, two golden bracelets with feline figures and two wooden walking sticks laminated with silver in the tomb of a high-ranking personality dubbed the Lord of Wari.

The tombs are within the

archaeological complex of Espiritu Pampa, in the Cuzco district of Vilcabamba, some 1,100 kilometers (680 miles) south-east of Lima.

Vilcabamba was the last refuge of Inca resistance after Spanish conquistadors captured and executed the Inca emperor in 1532. The last resistance leader, Tupac Amaru I, was captured by the Spaniards after fleeing the site and executed in 1572.

It is a "spectacular, truly surprising" discovery, said archaeologist Luis Lumbreras, former director of the National Cultural Institute (INC).

"This will make us revise part of Inca history."

It is the first proof of Wari presence in the jungle, and proof that the Waris were in

the area much earlier than the Incas, Lumbreras said.

Archaeologists first found the funeral complex in July 2010, and studied it for the next months.

Lumbreras said he would not be surprised that archaeologists now uncover a Wari city in the area "that may have something to do with legends like that of Paititi."

For centuries, explorers have fruitlessly searched for Paititi, a fabled lost city in the Amazon jungle said to be filled with gold and jewels.

The pre-Columbian civilizations in the Americas left no written record of their history, so it is largely up to archaeologists to describe history before the European contact.

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Rectal gel shows promise in warding off HIV: study



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WASHINGTON (AFP) — A gel that has been shown to reduce the risk of HIV infection in women during vaginal sex has also shown promise toward preventing transmission during anal sex, US researchers said.

"HIV was significantly inhibited in tissue samples from participants who used tenofovir gel daily for one week compared to tissue from participants who used the placebo gel," the study said.

The results came from the first clinical trial of tenofovir gel for rectal use, and were re-

leased at a medical conference in Boston.

The study size was small, comprising just 18 men and women who were sexually abstinent and HIV negative and who used the rectally applied gel for a week.

Researchers at the University of California, Los Angeles and the University of Pittsburgh then took biopsies of rectal tissue from the subjects and exposed the tissue to HIV in a lab to see how the product protected against infection.

They also tested an oral tablet and a single daily dose of rectal gel, and found those methods provided no protection against HIV.

"We are very encouraged about these findings that indicate applying tenofovir gel topically to the rectum could be a promising approach to HIV prevention," said lead author Peter Anton, director of the Center for Prevention Research at UCLA.

Head pain: First aid





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- Is severe and follows a recent sore throat or respiratory infection
- Begins or worsens after a head injury, fall or bump
- Is a new pain and you're older than 50
- Progressively worsens over the course of a single day or persists for several days

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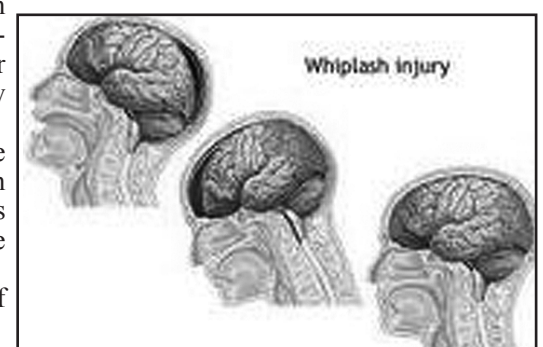
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signs or symptoms are apparent:

- Severe head or facial bleeding
- Bleeding from the nose or ears
- Severe headache
- Change in level of consciousness for more than a few seconds
- Black-and-blue discoloration below the eyes or behind the ears
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Stunning “Observations in Oil” by Joseph Miklojcik opens at the Westin Gallery



Joe and his homage to Aruba's unique landscape



When Joe Miklojcik, the founding member of the Theater Arts Department of the Mason Gross School of Fine Arts at Rutgers University retired to Aruba a few years ago, his addition to the art community caused quite a stir. The award winning designer of theater backdrops began producing canvases inspired by the Aruban landscape, portraying the dramatic elements of the island's flora and fauna as it had never been before.

Saturday evening, February 26, the Westin Art Gallery welcomed devotees of Joe's work

for a new exposition featuring classic works and a number of new pieces. Joe is a prodigious artist, and very little escapes his eye and interpretation.

Accustomed to working on the grand scale of stage scenery, his paintings are quite scaled down for him, but still sizable. This often produces the effect of examining minutiae with a magnifying glass, and though superficially appearing to be photo-realistic, they still display a vibrancy that makes “real life” more alive and intense.

“The artist is an analytical observer of his own realm,” Joe states in the flyer that accompanies the exposition; if this is the case, than he observes life with an obvious joy, humor and verve.

Joe admits to a certain sense of drama to his work, which he credits to his years in the theater; they infuse the ordinary with extraordinary elements which make us each consider how well we observe what is around us, and appreciate the beauty of it, which he obviously does.

This fascinating collection by this internationally successful artist is on exhibit at the Westin Art Gallery in the Palm Beach resort's main lobby, 24/7. A gallery representative is present every Wednesday



and Friday afternoon to discuss sales. They can also be reached during office hours at 743-4080.

Joe's vast body of work can be viewed at <http://www.miklojcik.net>

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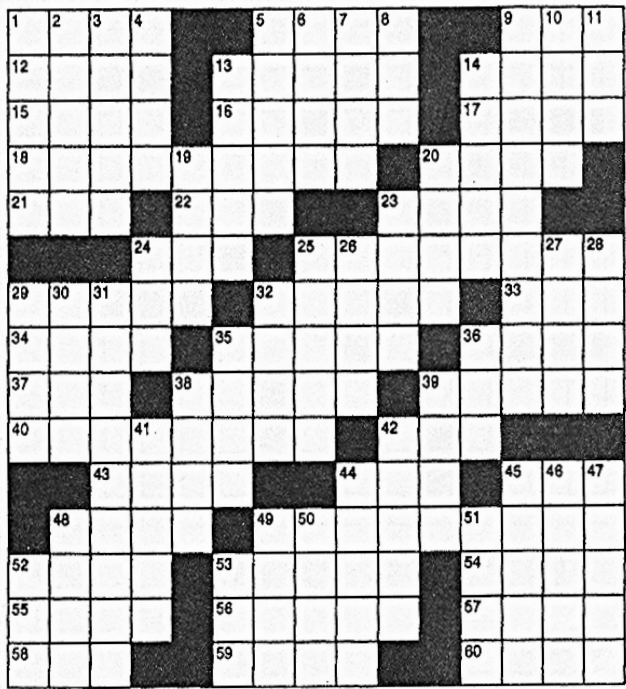
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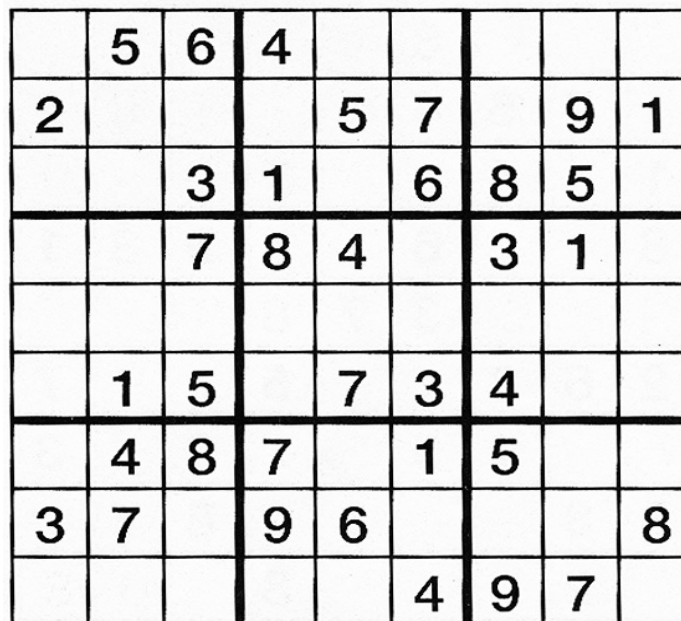
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EU seeks to bridge divide over competitiveness pact:

BRUSSELS (AFP) – European Union president Herman Van Rompuy sought to bridge divisions over deepening economic coordination in the eurozone, scaling down a disputed Franco-German plan opposed by several states.

Van Rompuy was given a mandate by EU leaders at a February 4 summit to draft a competitiveness pact that has been pushed by France and Germany in order to prevent any new debt crises from rocking the euro.

Several countries have criticised the pact as a German attempt to impose its austere economic model on the rest of the eurozone nations.

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US consumer spending crawls in January:

WASHINGTON (AFP) – US consumer spending slowed to a crawl in January from December, despite a sharp rise in incomes, official data showed.

The Commerce Department reported consumer spending rose a seasonally adjusted 0.2 percent in January, the weakest pace since June.

The December rise -- the crucial holiday shopping season -- was revised downward to 0.5 percent from 0.7 percent.

Consumer spending in January was in line with expectations but personal incomes leaped 1.0 percent after a 0.4 percent rise in December.

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Eurozone inflation hits 2.3%, lower than estimated:

BRUSSELS (AFP) – Inflation in the eurozone rose to 2.3 percent in January, lower than previously estimated but still above the European Central Bank's comfort zone, official data showed.



Inflation exceeded the ECB's 2.0 percent threshold for price stability for the second month in a row after hitting 2.2 percent in December, the Eurostat statistics agency said.

But it was lower than last month's flash estimate of 2.4 percent inflation for January.

Consumer prices have reached their highest level in the 17-nation single currency area since October 2008, when they hit 3.2 percent as record oil prices drove costs up.

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A Perfect day - Research on the quality and contribution of Aruba's cruise industry

The Cruise industry is witnessing a phenomenal growth. An industry where demand continues to outstrip supply, even in the harshest of economic conditions, annual occupancy percentage is projected to exceed 100% in 2011. The Cruise industry's growth is headlined by the Caribbean, which continues to rank as the dominant cruise destination, accounting for approximately 40% of all itineraries in 2010. Passenger numbers have continued to increase for the Caribbean to record numbers. A record 13 million passengers cruised in 2009, an increase of 440,000 guests over 2008, with over 10 million originating in North America. The cruise industry is the fastest-growing category in the leisure travel market, and since 1980, the industry has experienced an average annual passenger growth rate of approximately 7.4% per annum. Over the past decades, Aruba has witnessed an equally impressive growth in Cruise passengers, accounting for over 600 thousand visitors in 2009 and set to grow with 5% in 2011, according to the newly privatized Aruba Tourism Authority.

A Perfect Day – Aruba Cruise Industry Study 2010

Yet, despite this phenomenal growth and these impressive numbers, little is known about the profile and preferences of Cruise visitors to Aruba. There is indeed a lack of reliable and valid of information and knowledge on the profile, preferences, and perceptions of cruise visitors to Aruba. Therefore, late 2010 a small group of Tourism students at the University of Aruba, set out to conduct an in-depth study on what creates a 'Perfect Day' for cruise visitors to Aruba. The objective was on the one hand to develop an understanding of the profile, preferences and perceptions of the Aruban cruise visitor with regard to the products, services and experiences, and secondly to assess the cruise visitor expenditures and the economic contribution of Aruba's cruise industry. The research questions included: What are the

main profiles of cruise visitors to Aruba? What are the quality perceptions of cruise visitors to Aruba? What are the main expenditures of cruise visitors to Aruba? Several student teams were posted at the Cruise port and conducted almost 1000 surveys with visiting Cruisers. The Cruise survey questionnaire was standardized and based on an extensive review of previous industry studies, thereby allowing a comparison and benchmark of Aruba's Cruise industry.

Cruise Expenditures and Economic Contribution

The preliminary results of the 'Perfect Day' survey were recently presented at the University of Aruba, and yielded some interesting results, albeit confirming some hypothesis and assumptions. Indeed, as expected, the findings indicate that Cruise visitors spend the highest (average) amount on jewelry, luxury brands, electronics, and tours (see graph for details). On average cruise tourists spend \$358 on jewelry, \$101 on luxury (retail) brands, \$94 on electronics, and \$70 on tours and sightseeing. In addition, the study indicates that most cruise visitors spend their money on tours (31.5%) and retail clothing (29.4%), followed by jewelry (23.8%). On the other hand, categories which receive comparatively less spending are groceries, car rental and cultural activities.

The findings of this study indicate that cruise tourists spend \$225 on average during their visit on Aruba, which is above average compared to the rest of the Caribbean, thereby dispelling a long-held myth that 'last ports receive less'. While the total economic contribution (including taxes, employment, wages, investments) of the Aruban Cruise industry is beyond the direct (consumer-based) scope of this study, the calculations indicate that the economic contribution, and especially the commercial value, of Aruba's Cruise industry is well over \$20 million, thereby accounting for a sizeable share of the destination's tourism pie.

Conclusions

Growth inspires both demand and responsibilities. As the Cruise industry ventures deeper into the 21st century, it seems unlikely that demand will decrease any time soon. Rather, the quest for cruise quality and destination competitiveness has increased at a rapid pace. Despite the historic growth of Aruba's cruise industry, it faces some strategic challenges if it wants to equal or surpass this growth in an innovative and sustainable manner. While the economic contribution and commercial value of the cruise industry is beyond dispute, one has to wonder if Aruba can still maximize this economic contribution, without flooding our harbor and shores with a million cruise visitors within the next decade.

One of the fundamental questions remains how and where can Aruba diversify and improve the quality of its product portfolio and service experiences in order to sustain an environmentally-sensitive and socially-responsible economic development? Beyond economics, how can Aruba provide a uniquely distinctive experience by respecting its local community, heritage and identity, thereby remaining truthful to its natural beauty and hospitality? Whatever the answers to these and other strategic questions - and there are many -, we are reminded that we determine our own cruise and destination...

Prof. Dr. Ryan R. Peterson

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Michael Harrison is an extraordinarily talented ventriloquist, comedian, and puppeteer. He has worked alongside numerous acts, from The Muppets to Boyz to Men. He also headlined for some of the world's most luxurious cruise lines including Princess, Norwegian, Royal Caribbean and Holland America. His many talents allow him to create performances for all type of audiences; adults, kids and family. Companies such as, Verizon Wireless and Sandals Resorts have booked his corporate

comedy act. His family show is so finely tuned that Disney, the world's largest entertainment company, booked him for 8 consecutive years and over 1500 performances as the headline act for Disney Cruise Line.

Michael wrote and starred in the award winning television show, "Kids in the Firehall." The show aired on the Family Channel in Canada and on Nickelodeon in the US. It was awarded the prestigious Bronze Apple from the National Educational Media Network, the Award of Excellence in Children's Television by the Parents Choice Foundation and the Award of Merit from The Alliance for Children and Television.

Tickets to both shows are available at the door on the night of the performance.

Show starts at 9:00 p.m.

Dominican Republic community on Aruba commemorate 167th Independence of their homeland



Presenting a gift to Minister Eman

On Sunday, February 27, residents of Aruba originating from the Dominican Republic celebrated the 167th anniversary of their independence. Aruba's Governor Fredis Ruffin, Prime Minister Mike Eman and Mrs. Doina Eman, Minister of Justice and Education Arthur Dowers and Mrs. Dowers, parliamentarians, foreign relations liaisons, the Aruba consul executives were among the guests who attended the animated event.

The festivities started in the early morning hours with a traditional and formal protocol commemorating this important day. Minister Eman delivered a moving speech followed by Dominican Republic Consul



stationed on Aruba, Mrs. Josefine Rosario De Rosa. Afterwards, the guests enjoyed authentic Dominican hospitality with typical dances and food.

The Aruba Consulate from the Dominican Republic expresses gratitude to the Aruban community for the love and cooperation given to their community residing on the island.



'King's Speech' crowned with Oscars gold



from left to right, Best supporting actor Christian Bale, best actress Natalie Portman, best supporting actress Melissa Leo and best actor Colin Firth pose with their awards. (AFP PHOTO)



The cast and crew of "The King's Speech," (Iain Canning, Emile Sherman and Gareth Unwin, Producers), celebrates their trophy for Best Movie. (AFP PHOTO)

HOLLYWOOD (AFP) — Royal drama "The King's Speech" was crowned with Oscars gold on Sunday, taking three of the top Academy Award prizes, including best actor for self-mocking Englishman Colin Firth.

The movie grabbed the coveted best film and best director awards as well as Firth's gong for his portrayal of a stammering King George VI, helped by an Australian voice coach to rally wartime Britain.

Best original screenplay completed a four-Oscar haul -- the same as hi-tech thriller "Inception" and one more than Facebook movie "The Social Network", which had a disappointing night after being tipped as possible best film.

Screenwriter David Seidler used his acceptance speech to jokingly thank Queen Elizabeth II, among others, as well as stutterers everywhere.

"I would like to thank Her Majesty the Queen for not putting me in the Tower of London for putting swear words in George VI's mouth. "And I accept this on behalf of all the stutterers throughout the world.

"We have a voice, we have been heard," said Seidler, who himself suffered from a

stammer, echoing a line from the movie.

"The Social Network", nominated in eight Oscars categories, ended up going home with only three, and none of the major ones: film editing, original score and adapted screenplay for screenwriter Aaron Sorkin.

Sorkin paid tribute afterwards to Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg, whose portrayal in the movie is not overly flattering.

"I think he's been an awfully good sport about this," he told reporters. "I don't know if any of us want to have a movie made about when we were 19." "Inception," starring Leonardo DiCaprio as a hired hand who penetrates people's dreams, won four Oscars: cinematography, visual effects, sound mixing and sound editing, while a heavily pregnant Natalie Portman, as expected, won best actress for her role in disturbing ballet thriller "Black Swan."

Boxing movie "The Fighter" took two gongs -- best supporting actor for Christian Bale, and best supporting actress for Melissa Leo, who had both been favorites to win.

In a rare edgy moment on an otherwise drama-free night, eo's use of the F-word

in her acceptance speech had to be cut out of the time-delayed broadcast.

"I had no idea, I apologize to anyone I offended," she later said.



Actress Natalie Portman accepts the trophy for Best Actress from actor Jeff Bridges,

"The King's Speech" director Tom Hooper related the extraordinary story of how he only came to make the movie thanks to the help of his Australian mother, who was in the audience.

"My mum in 2007 was invited by some Australian friends -- she's Australian -- in London, to a fringe theater play reading of an unproduced, unrehearsed play called 'The King's Speech'," said the 38-year-old Brit.

He explained: "She's never been invited to a play reading her entire life before. She almost didn't go because it didn't sound exactly promising, but thank God she did.

"She rang me up after, said, Tom, I think I found

your next film. So, with this tonight, I honor you and the moral of the story is, listen to your mother."

In other prizes, "Toy Story 3," the third instalment of the family-friendly franchise starring Woody, Buzz Lightyear and co. won best animated feature Oscar as expected.

And the best foreign film prize went to "In a Better World" by Denmark's star director Susanne Bier, who vanquished movies from Algeria, Canada, Greece and Mexico.

The Oscars is the culmination of the multi-billion movie industry's awards season and has been preceded by months of frantic campaigning for the coveted gold statuettes.

The ceremony marked the second year that 10 films were competing for the best picture prize, up from five previously. The academy expanded the category in a bid to include more popular films. This year, most of the top contenders crossed the

\$100 million mark at the box office.

Firth, who had been seen as a shoo-in for best actor, made a typically self-deprecating acceptance speech, opening up with: "I have a feeling my career's just peaked.

"Joyous as they may be for me, it would be extremely problematic if they make it to my legs before I get off stage," he added, referring to his role in the ABBA-inspired musical hit Mamma Mia!

He won over Jeff Bridges -- who beat Firth to the best actor Oscar last year -- in "True Grit", Jesse Eisenberg in "The Social Network", James Franco in "127 Hours" and Spanish heart-throb Javier Bardem in "Biutiful".

Portman's rivals for best actress were veteran Annette Bening in "The Kids Are All Right", Australia's Nicole Kidman for "Rabbit Hole", Jennifer Lawrence in "Winter's Bone" and Michelle Williams in "Blue Valentine."

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Windies flay Dutch attack, India under fire



West Indies cricketer Kieron Pollard (R) is watched by Netherlands wicketkeeper Wesley Baressi as he plays a stroke during their Cricket World Cup match

NEW DELHI (AFP) - The West Indies played the Dutch attack on Monday, scoring an impressive 330-8 as World Cup favourites India came under fire from a demanding media after their dramatic tie with England.

In the day/night match in New Delhi, the Netherlands struggled to contain the Caribbean batsmen, with opener Chris Gayle scoring 80 and Kieron Pollard powering to 60 in just 27 balls in a devastating cameo containing four sixes.

Pollard said it was crucial to put up a good performance after a dispiriting seven-wicket defeat to South Africa in their first match of the competition.

"This is something that we actually needed. For the batsmen to go out there and show what they can do is good for us and hopefully we can learn from our mistakes and move forward," said Pollard.

"Our all-round cricket has

to stand up. The batting was just a start for us," added the powerful all-rounder.

"There's now the fielding and bowling departments. If we can get it together we now have a couple of games where we can go out there and show our talent."

Earlier, minnows Canada slumped to a huge 175-run defeat at the hands of Zimbabwe, who scored 298 in their 50 overs with Tatenda Taibu (98) and Craig Ervine (85) putting on 181 for the third wicket.

Canada collapsed to 7-3 and never recovered, bowled out for just 123 with three wickets apiece for spinners Ray Price and Graeme Cremer.

In a gripping contest on Sunday that injected life into a tournament that has seen a series of lopsided matches, India scored 338 all out in Bangalore thanks to a crowd-pleasing century from Sachin Tendulkar.

But in dramatic scenes under the floodlights at the M. Chinnaswamy stadium, England, led by skipper Andrew Strauss with 158, levelled the scores on the final ball of their innings.

Despite the excitement, India's media said the match should serve as a wake-up call, bemoaning the hosts' failure to beat England and lamenting lacklustre fielding and a bowling line-up that lacked penetration.

The Hindustan Times asked: "Will just putting runs on the board be good enough to win the World Cup?"

"It could happen, but will require a lot of luck. When compared to most champion teams of any era, this team suffers in terms of all-round balance."

The Times of India blasted the Indian attack as one of the worst in the Test world but said there was time to rectify weaknesses.

England's Ian Bell, who scored 69, insisted on Monday there is plenty more to come from his side, who have reached three World Cup finals but never won cricket's showpiece event.

"We haven't played our best cricket yet and we have just tied with India, chasing 338," said Bell ahead of their return to the Chinnaswamy stadium for Wednesday's match against Ireland.

"That has got to be a good sign. We just need to make sure that we play better cricket as this tournament goes on -- there is no point playing it now."

He added: "Our batting unit has been playing well, certainly Strauss, and that is exciting for us."



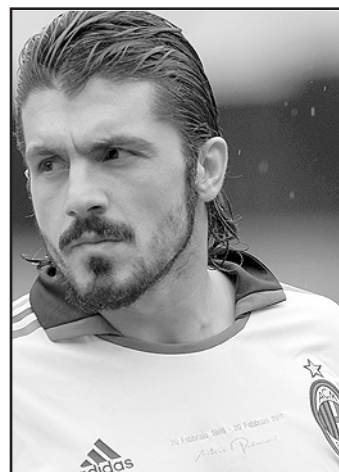
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Russian club make \$10m offer for Gattuso



ROME (AFP) - Russian club Anzhi Makhachkala have made a 10-million-dollar offer to AC Milan's Italy midfielder Gennaro Gattuso, the Italian press reported on Monday, citing Russian website Lifesports.

The Dagestan club, cur-

Juventus announce €39.5m loss

ROME (AFP) - Under-performing Italian giants Juventus lost 39.5 million euros during the first half of the 2010-11 season, the club's board announced on Monday. Over the same period of the previous season, the club recorded profits of 14.2 million euros.

Revenue for the period was 88.8 million euros, a fall of 29 percent on the previous year (125 million euros).

The figures can be explained by Juve's participation in the Europa League, which is far less lucrative than the Champions League,

rently 11th in the Russian league, are already paying 37-year-old Roberto Carlos five million dollars per year and have offered his former Brazil team-mate Ronaldo eight million dollars to play for them.

The club is bankrolled by Russian billionaire Suleiman Kerimov, who comes from the troubled North Caucasus region that neighbours Chechnya, where Dutch football legend Ruud Gullit has coached Terek Grozny since January.

Gattuso, a World Cup winner with Italy in 2006, received a four-match suspension from UEFA last week for head-butting Tottenham assistant coach Joe Jordan in their Champions League last 16 first leg clash.

and by changes to the way money from television rights is shared between Italian clubs.

The board revealed that it was predicting "a significant loss" for the period between now and the end of the season.

Juve, 27-time Italian champions, lost 2-0 at home to Bologna on Saturday, their fourth defeat in their last six league games.

They are currently seventh in Serie A, seven points outside the Champions League qualification places.



(L to R) Gold medalists David Kreiner, Mario Stecher, Felix Gottwald and Bernhard Gruber of Austria celebrate after crossing the finish line in the Nordic combined team event at the Nordic Skiing World Championships in Oslo, February 28, 2011. Austria won the nordic skiing team combined event ahead of Germany and Norway. AFP PHOTO

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Donald downs Kaymer for Match Play title



MARANA (AFP) - Englishman Luke Donald, the best player all week at the \$8.5 million Accenture Match Play Championship, claimed the title Sunday with a 3 and 2 victory over Germany's Martin Kaymer.

Donald's triumph in the 18-hole final may have taken some of the shine off Kaymer's rise to the world number one ranking, but it was a fitting end to a week in which Donald never trailed in any of his six matches.

Donald claimed his first trophy in a prestigious World Golf Championships event, received \$1.4 million and jumped to a career high third in the world rankings.

"It feels amazing," Donald said. "I've had a bit of a monkey on my back the last few years. I haven't won for five years in the US and there's a lot of sweat and tears to get to this point -- but I've broken through and it feels really good."

"I was a little shaky in the

middle of the round. I held it together the last few holes and made nice birdies on 11 and 13 and 15 and that was good enough," added Donald, who established a 3-up lead after five holes before Kaymer clawed back to square the match at the turn.

Kaymer looked like taking the lead at the 10th hole at Dove Mountain, but Donald made a fine up-and-down par save from a sandy waste area to stay level and then took the lead for good with a birdie at the par-five 11th, where Kaymer showed he is fallible by missing a five foot putt.

The German then handed Donald the par-three 12th hole after a poor tee shot.

It was Donald's tournament to lose from there, and Kaymer effectively blew any chance of a late comeback by missing another short putt, from inside four feet, at 15.

"That up-and-down on 10 was a huge point for me," Donald said. "If I'd gone 1-down, I think that changes

my psyche a little bit. I still felt pretty positive, because I wasn't down in the match."

In fact, Donald was so dominant throughout the five-day event that he played the fewest holes of any champion in the 13-year history of the tournament. He did not play the 18th hole all week.

"To beat the top 63 players in the world is very gratifying," he said. "I had a lot of good things happen, made a bunch of birdies."

This is just the sixth global victory of Donald's professional career, and he admitted he has been annoyed by

media critics who have accused him of being happy simply to earn a healthy living.

"I think unfairly at times I've been depicted as someone that is very happy contending, picking up checks, but doesn't really care about winning."

"That's as far away from the truth as can be," he said. "I feel my work ethic is as good as any player out here."

Kaymer, who was assured of taking over the world number one ranking from Lee Westwood just by reaching the final, said: "I think he's probably the best in the world in the short game at the moment."

"I played with Phil Mickelson a few times and it is unbelievable, but what Luke is doing at the moment is a joke."

"Wherever he is, you know he will make the up-and-down, if he doesn't hole it."

Anthony shines as Knicks beat Heat

MIAMI, Florida (AFP) - The New York Knicks posted their first big win since acquiring Carmelo Anthony in a three-team blockbuster trade, beating the Miami Heat 91-86 at American Airlines Arena.

Anthony finished with 29 points and nine rebounds for the Knicks who looked like a playoff team Sunday after a disappointing loss two nights ago to the lowly Cleveland Cavaliers.

"Games like this are fun," Anthony said. "It brings the best out of everybody."

Amare Stoudemire added

16 points and 10 rebounds and Chauncey Billups had 16 points for the Knicks, who battled back from a 15-point first-half deficit.

New York now has two wins and one loss since the megatrade with the Denver Nuggets that brought Anthony and Billups to New York.

LeBron James led Miami with 27 points. Chris Bosh added 20 points and 12 boards and Dwyane Wade finished with 12 points for Miami who had won seven consecutive games at home.

Gasol's 18 points help Lakers edge Thunder

OKLAHOMA CITY (AFP) - Pau Gasol scored 18 points with 11 rebounds as the Los Angeles Lakers edged Oklahoma City 90-87 in an NBA matchup of first-place teams on Sunday.

Andrew Bynum added 16 points and 10 rebounds and NBA All-Star game Most Valuable Player Kobe Bryant finished with 17 points for the Pacific Division-leading Lakers -- who beat the Thunder for the 14th time in the

last 15 contests.

The Thunder had a two late chances in the closing moments to send the game into a potential overtime but Kevin Durant and James Harden missed three-point shots.

Russell Westbrook had a team-high 22 points and Durant scored 21 for the Thunder, who were held to a season-low 31 second-half points. It marks the first three-game losing streak of the season for Oklahoma City.

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Kumar, 16, is youngest World Cup player



NAGPUR (AFP) - Sixteen-year-old schoolboy Nitish Kumar made history on

Monday when he became the youngest ever World Cup player.

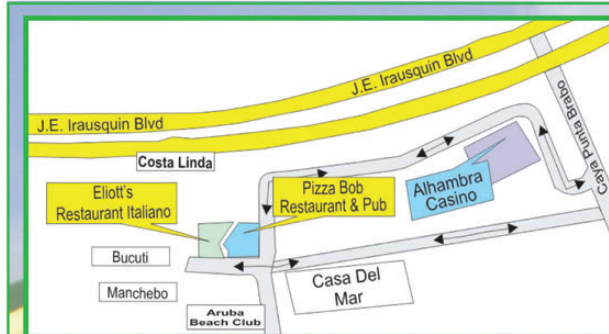
The Ontario-born teenager, aged 16 years and 283 days, was named in the Canada team to face Zimbabwe in the Group A game.

Bangladesh's Talha Jubair, who was 17 years and 70

days old when he featured against the West Indies in the 2007 World Cup, had been the previous youngest player in the tournament.

Nicknamed 'Tendulkar', he was born in May 1994, four-and-a-half years after Sachin Tendulkar's international debut against Pakistan in 1989.

Canada have the oldest and youngest player in the tournament and both will bat at the same time as the oldest player is 40-year-old John Davison, who also opens the batting.



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NBA Olympic stars to play in Manchester

NEW YORK (AFP) - NBA officials announced a deal with officials in Manchester on Monday that will see the English city host NBA and Women's NBA pre-season games and pre-Olympic US women's and men's basketball games.

Next year's pre-Olympic tuneups will see the reigning

Olympic champion US team of NBA millionaire superstars and 2008 US gold medal women's squad facing opponents who have yet to be determined ahead of the 2012 London Olympics.

In late 2013, Manchester will play host to the first NBA pre-season game in the United Kingdom to be staged

outside of London.

The series will begin this year when the Atlanta Dream of the Women's NBA play a yet-to-be-decided opponent on May 29 in a pre-season game, only the second ever international game in the WNBA's 15-year history after a 2004 visit to Monterrey, Mexico.



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